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DISPATCHES from Colonel Stuart, of which the following are Copies, have been this Day received by the Right Honorable Henry Dundas, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

*Camp before Trincomalé in the Island of Ceylon, August 17, 1795.*

SIR,

IN obedience to the Orders and Instructions I received from the Government of Fort St. George, and Colonel Brathwaite commanding the King's and Company's Forces on the Coast of Coromandel, I have the Honor to acquaint you, for His Majesty's Information, by the Royal Admiral under Dispatch for Europe, that the Armament, with the Command of which I am entrusted, embarked the 30th Ultimo at Fort St. George on Board His Majesty's Ships of War upon that Station and the Transports taken up for the Purpose of conveying it to this Place.

The Fleet arrived in Back Bay, to the Northward of the Forts of Trincomalé and Oostnaburgh, on the 1st Instant; and as Commodore Rainier and I were particularly anxious that the Commandant of those Forts should not misapprehend the Object of the Armament under our Command, every Precaution was taken to prevent any Misapprehension upon that Head, by explaining to him the Nature of it; and Two Days were spent in Communications between the Fort and Fleet for that Purpose.

As the Commandant, however, did not think proper to accede to the Requisitions made, in the Name of the King, by the Commodore and me, and refused obeying the Commands of his Superior, Mr. Van Angelbeck, (the Governor of Columbo) to deliver up the Fort of Oostenburgh to a Detachment of His Majesty's Troops, on Account of an Informality in the Order, the Commodore agreeing with me in the Propriety of landing the Troops, they were disembarked on the 3d, about Four Miles to the Northward of the Fort of Trincomalé, without Opposition.

Neither the Garrison of Trincomalé or Oostnaburgh have hitherto given us any Molestation in the laborious Service, in which the Troops have been employed, of conveying Provisions, Ordnance and Stores, along a steep sandy Beach, from a Distance of Three Miles; nor has any Act of open Hostility taken Place.

We are still employed in the same Service, as well as in preparing Materials for the Construction of such Works as may be necessary to reduce the Forts; and if the Commandant perseveres in his Resolution to refuse us Admittance as Friends, I hope to have it in my Power to begin our Approaches against the Fort of Trincomalé Tomorrow Night.

I cannot too strongly express my Obligations to Commodore Rainier for the Readiness with which he has afforded every Assistance which could be given by the Squadron of His Majesty's Ships under his Command, in conveying and landing the Troops, Stores and Provisions, and in every Part of the Service where his Aid and Co-operation could be of Use; and his Zeal has been ably seconded by the Exertions of the Officers and Seamen employed in carrying his Orders into Effect.

I have the Honor, &c.

J. STUART.

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*Camp near Trincomalé, Auguſt* 30, 1795.

SIR,

SOON after I had the Honor to addreſs you on the 17th Inſtant, informing you of my Intention to begin our Approaches againſt the Fort of Trincomalé on the following Day, Circumſtances occurred which induced Commodore Rainier and me to detain the Ships then under Diſpatch, in the Hope of that Succeſs which I have now the Honor to announce. We broke Ground on the Evening of the 18th, opened our Batteries on the 23d, and before Twelve o'Clock on Wedneſday the 26th completed a practicable Breach. Commodore Rainier and I then thought proper to ſummon the Garriſon to ſurrender, while Preparations were making for the Aſſault. Terms were demanded which could not be allowed, and ſuch as we thought conſiſtent were tranſmitted in Return: Theſe not being accepted within a limited Time, our Fire recommenced, and in a few Minutes the White Flag was diſplayed on the Ramparts, the Conditions we had offered were accepted, ſigned, and tranſmitted to Camp, with Two Captains of the Garriſon as Hoſtages for their Performance.

I have the Honor to incloſe a Copy of the Capitulation offered to the Garriſon and accepted by the Commandant, and of ſome explanatory Articles which were afterwards arranged, with a State of the Garriſon, Return of Ordnance and Stores taken, and a Liſt of the Killed and Wounded of the Forces under my Command.

This Evening the Priſoners taken here will embark for Madraſs. I ſhall immediately take up a convenient Poſition, and begin the neceſſary Preparations for the Attack of Fort Ooſtenburgh, the Commandant of that Garriſon having refuſed to ſurrender when ſummoned on the 27th Inſtant; and I have Reaſon to hope that that Fort alſo will be very ſoon in our Poſſeſſion.

His Majeſty's and the Honorable Company's Troops, forming the Force under my Command, have ſo uniformly diſtinguiſhed themſelves on every former Occaſion, that I need only ſay their Zeal and Gallantry on the preſent Service has been well exerted to maintain the Reputation they have ſo juſtly acquired.

I am beyond Meaſure indebted to Commodore Rainier for his cordial Co-operations, and the active Aſſiſtance of the Navy in every Department of the Publick Service; and I have particular Pleaſure in aſſuring you, that from the perfect Harmony ſubſiſting between all Deſcriptions of the Naval and Land Forces employed here, every Thing may be expected from this Diviſion of His Majeſty's Troops, which is capable of being attained by their united Exertions.

I have the Honor to be, &c.

J. STUART.

## TERMS of CAPITULATION.

THE Garriſon of Trincomalé, in Conſideration of the Defence they have made, will be allowed to march out of the Fort with the Honours of War, Drums beating and Colours flying to the Glacis, where they will ground their Arms, and ſurrender themſelves Priſoners of War; the Officers keeping their Swords. Private Property will be ſecured to them; but all Public Property, Papers, Guns, Stores and Proviſions of every Kind, muſt be delivered up, in their preſent Condition, to the Officers appointed by us to receive them.

The Garriſon to march out, and the Britiſh Troops to be put in Poſſeſſion of the Fort, in One Hour after this Capitulation is ſigned; and Two Officers of the Garriſon of the Rank of Captain to be delivered immediately as Hoſtages for the Performance of this Agreement. Theſe are the only Terms we the underſigned Officers, commanding His Britannic Majeſty's Forces, can grant. Major Fornbauer, if he accepts the Conditions, will ſign this Paper, and return it by the Officers he ſends as Hoſtages, within Half an Hour from the Time he receives it.

Given under our Hands, in Camp before Trincomalé, this 26th Day of Auguſt, 1795.

(Signed) PETER RAINIER.
J. STUART.

## EXPLANATORY ARTICLES.

CAPITULATION *ſelon laquelle le Fort de Trincomalé ſera rendu aux Troupes de Sa Majeſté Britannique.*

Article I.

LE Garniſon ſortira Demain après Midi à quatre Heures par la Brêche, avec les Honneurs de la Guerre, Tambours battans, Drapeaux deployés; elle poſera les Armes ſur le Glacis de la Place. Tous les Officiers tant Européens qu'Indiens garderont leurs Armes.

Les Créts des Malays ſeront empaquetés dans une Caiſſe, pour leur être remis, au cas qu'ils ſoient renvoyés dans leur Patrie, comme etant leurs propres Armes qu'ils ne conſentiront jamais de perdre.

Anſwer.—The Garriſon ſhall march out at Sunſet this Evening in the Manner demanded; but the Redoubt, the Cavalier on the Flank of the Breach, and the Zeeberg Baſtion, muſt be immediately given up to the Britiſh Troops. The Creeſſes of the Malays ſhall be diſpoſed of in the Manner requeſted; and the whole Officers and Men ſhall be conſidered as Priſoners of War.

Article II.

Toute l'Ammunition et autres Effets de la Compagnie ſeront remis à ceux qui ſeront nommés de la Part des Chefs de Sa Majeſté Britannique.

Anſwer.—Granted.

Article III.

Les Officiers Européens ne ſeront point envoyés contre leur Gré en Europe.

Anſwer.—Granted.

Article IV.

Les Biens tant de la Garniſon que des Particuliers ſeront conſervés à chacun.

Anſwer.—Granted.

Article V.

Il ſera permis aux Employés Civils de la Compagnie de ſe retirer en un autre Endroit de l'Iſle.

Anſwer.—It is not in the Power of the Officers commanding the Britiſh Forces to grant this Article.

Article

Article VI.

Les Malades et Bleſſés ſeront traités convenablement.

Anſwer.—Certainly.

Article VII.

La Garniſon ne ſera point ſujetté à des Repriſailles.

Anſwer.—Granted.

Le Commandant demande la Permiſſion de pouvoir envoyer les Papiers relatifs au Siege au Gouvernement de l'Iſle par un Employé civile de la Compagnie.

Copies of the Papers to be ſubmitted to the Britiſh Commanders.

Fait au Fort de Trincomalé, à 26 Août, 1795.

(Signé) *J. G. Fornbauer.*

Signed, by Authority of Commodore Rainier and Colonel Stuart,
*P. A. Agnew,*
Dep. Adj. Gen.

*State of the Garriſon of Trincomalé.*

Fit for Service.

Artillery—1 Lieutenant, 2 Enſigns, 1 Quarter-Maſter-Serjeant, 4 Bombardiers, 5 Gunners, 1 Cadet, and 17 Privates.

Troops—1 Major, 1 Town Major, 1 Garriſon-Writer, 9 Captains, 2 Captain-Lieutenants, 12 Lieutenants, 13 Enſigns, 1 Cadet, 4 Quarter-Maſter-Serjeants, 45 Serjeants, 44 Corporals, 1 Surgeon, 1 Cadet, 24 Drummers and Fifers, and 489 Privates.

Total—1 Major, 1 Town-Major, 1 Garriſon-Writer, 9 Captains, 2 Captain-Lieutenants, 13 Lieutenants, 15 Enſigns, 1 Cadet, 5 Quarter-Maſter-Serjeants, 4 Bombardiers, 45 Serjeants, 44 Corporals, 5 Gunners, 1 Surgeon, 2 Cadets, 24 Drummers and Fifers, and 506 Privates.

Sick and Wounded.

Artillery—1 Gunner, and 3 Privates,

Troops—1 Captain, 5 Serjeants, 10 Corporals, 1 Surgeon, 1 Cadet, 1 Drummer and Fifer, and 69 Privates.

Total—1 Captain, 5 Serjeants, 10 Corporals, 1 Gunner, 1 Surgeon, 1 Cadet, 1 Drummer and Fifer, and 69 Privates.

*J. G. Fornbauer.*

Trincomalé, Auguſt 27, 1795.

*Abſtract of the Ordnance taken in the Fort of Trincomalé.*

BRASS ORDNANCE.

2 Twenty Pounders, 1 Eighteen Ditto, 1 Twelve Ditto, 2 Nine Ditto, 2 Six Ditto, 2 Four Ditto, 7 Three Ditto, 5 One Ditto, 1 Swivel, 2 Six-Inch Howitzers, 2 Five and Half Inch Ditto, 2 Four and Half Inch Ditto, 3 Twelve and Quarter Inch Mortars, 1 Eleven and Three-Quarter Inch Ditto, 1 Ten and Half Inch Ditto, 1 Eight-Inch Ditto, 2 Five and Half Inch Ditto, and 5 Four-Inch Ditto.

Total—37 ſerviceable, and 5 unſerviceable.

IRON ORDNANCE.

2 Twenty-four Pounders, 3 Twenty Ditto, 22 Eighteen Ditto, 17 Twelve Ditto, 14 Nine Ditto, 3 Swivels and 4 Carronades.

Total—55 ſerviceable, and 10 unſerviceable.

*J. W. Dixon,* Capt. Royal Artillery.
*J. Glow,* Lt. Com. Stores.
*J. Quale,* Lt. Royal Artillery.

*C. Carliſle,* Capt. Com. Artillery.

*General Return of Killed and Wounded of the Troops under the Command of Colonel Stuart, during the Siege of Trincomalé, Auguſt,* 1795.

His Majesty's Troops.

Royal Artillery.—1 Bombardier and 3 Gunners killed; 2 Gunners wounded.

Flank Companies of His Majeſty's 71ſt and 73d Regiments.—1 Captain, 1 Serjeant, and 6 Rank and File wounded.

His Majeſty's 72d Regiment.—1 Enſign, 2 Serjeants, and 7 Rank and File wounded.

Royal Navy.—1 Seaman killed; 2 Seamen wounded.

The Honorable Company's Troops.

Staff.—Major Smart, Deputy Quarter-Maſter-General, wounded.

Madraſs Artillery.—3 Matroſſes and 6 Laſcars killed; 1 Lieutenant, 1 Serjeant, 1 Corporal, 10 Matroſſes, 1 Syrang, and 8 Laſcars wounded.

1ſt Battalion of Native Infantry.—1 Sepoy killed and 6 wounded.

23d Ditto.—1 Sepoy wounded.

Corps of Pioneers.—2 Sepoys wounded.

Total.—1 Bombardier, 3 Gunners, 3 Matroſſes, 1 Seaman, 1 Sepoy, and 6 Laſcars, killed; 1 Major, 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, 1 Enſign, 4 Serjeants, 1 Corporal, 2 Gunners, 10 Matroſſes, 13 Privates, and 2 Seamen (Europeans), 1 Syrang, 9 Sepoys, and 8 Laſcars (Natives) wounded.

*Officers wounded.*

Major Smart, Deputy-Quarter-Maſter General.
Captain Gorry, of His Majeſty's 71ſt Regiment.
Lieutenant Preſcot, of the Madraſs Artillery.
Enſign Benſon, of His Majeſty's 72d Regiment.

*P. A. Agnew,* Dep. Adj. Gen.

Camp near Trincomalé, Auguſt 30, 1795.

*Camp at Trincomalé, Auguſt* 31, 1795.

SIR,

AFTER cloſing my Diſpatch of Yeſterday an Officer was ſent to me by the Commandant of Fort Ooſtenburgh, requeſting that I would permit an Officer to meet him this Morning for the Purpoſe of opening a Negotiation for the Surrender of the Fort. I accordingly ſent Major Agnew, the Adjutant-General of the Forces under my Command, and have the ſatisfaction to inform you that the Garriſon this Day ſurrendered themſelves Priſoners of War, and that a Detachment of His Majeſty's Troops took Poſſeſſion of the Fort, and the Britiſh Colours were hoiſted in it before Sun-ſet.

I have the Honor to incloſe the Articles of Capitulation, but have it not at preſent in my Power to tranſmit the ſeveral Returns which will be neceſſary,